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SUBJECT: , 40-004

I decided to try my luck at locating someone who could help us find the next-of-kin of , who died in Chicago in 1945 and who was buried in a "local cemetery" in Austin, Texas.

I finally deciphered the name of the Chicago undertaker as being Boydston Brothers on Cottage Grove Avenue. Since they were no longer listed in the Blue Book I hunted for another undertaker on Cottage Grove Avenue, discussed the problem with them, learned that Boydston Brothers had been out of business for some years, the building is now occupied by the Masonic Order, and that I should call Mr. Stanton at the Chicago Board of Health (744-3804) for information on Boydston. Mr. Stanton was very helpful, having been involved in matters of this sort for some 40 years. He said that there were only two people in Chicago who would know about the records of Boydston (Mr. O'Connor of Brown Funeral Home on East 95th Street or Bilger and Sons on East 87th Street).

Instead of calling either of the above persons I decided to go through all the undertakers in Austin (8) in the hope that whoever buried Mr. would still be in business. My first call was to the Cook Funeral Home, 1100 Colorado Street, tel. 512-476-4351. As the lady who answered said, "You've hit the jack pot today". She agreed to look at their detailed records on the burial, warning me that at sometime in the 1940's they had had a fire, and sure enough 1945 was the year of the fire! She was able to tell me that Mr. was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery but that the records for Mt. Calvary are maintained by the Assumption Cemetery (512-442-4252).

I had previously checked telephone information and found that there were no listings for or . I did call who lived on (the lived on tel. but there were no in her family. I tried , tel. several times but no answer. The Assumption Cemetery is on an automatic answering service and you have about 25 seconds to leave your message. I did not leave one, thinking that at this point you would probably want to continue the search for next-of-kin.

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